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1. AS PART OF OUR BIOGRAPHIC RESEARCH, I MAY REPORT THAT AT LUNCHEON TODAY WITH THE DEPARTING POLISH AMBASSADOR, DR. WITOLD JURASZ, HE COMMENTED ON HIS SOVIET COLLEAGUE, THAT AMBASSADOR VICTOR LIKHACHEV, ALTHOUGH LOCALLY REPUTED TO BE AN OLD CHINA HAND, ACTUALLY SPEAKS VERY LITTLE CHINESE. AMB. JURASZ SAID, HOWEVER, THAT MADAME LIKHACHEVA HAD BEEN IN FACT HEAD OF THE CHINA BRANCH OF THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY WHEN SHE MET AND MARRIED AMB. LIKHACHEV.

2. AS FURTHER VIGNETTE ON THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR, MY POLISH COLLEAGUE IMPARTED THE INFORMATION THAT RECENTLY HE WAS INVITED TO ADDRESS 500 STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ZULIA IN MARACAIBO. ON THAT OCCASION, TO AN ADMITTEDLY ANTI-AMERICAN AND PRO-LEFT AUDIENCE, HE SAID, "IF YOU YOUNG PEOPLE COULD BENEFIT FROM A COUPLE OF YEARS OF REAL CAPITALISM, YOU WOULD BE MUCH BETTER OFF." THE INDIGNANT STUDENTS TOLD THE POLISH AMBASSADOR THAT IF THIS REMARK HAD BEEN MADE BY THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN LYNCHED ON THE SPOT.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN CONVERSATION WITH
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OUR POLISH COLLEAGUE MENTIONED THIS EPISODE AT THE UNIVERSITY

OF ZULIA AND ASKED THE POLE WHY HE HAD THUS EXTOLLED
CAPITALISM. THE POLISH AMBASSADOR REPLIED WITH A SINGLE
QUESTION: "DO YOU SELL OIL TO THE AMERICANS?"
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